

her Ph.D. from the University California, Berkeley, and I thank her for her contributions to the study of bioengineering and biochemistry.

On behalf of all Californians, I commend these three recipients on a well-deserved honor and for all that they have done to advance human knowledge of the power of evolutionary technology and bioengineering. Let us hope that this discovery will continue to expand the horizon of human knowledge and lead to new efforts in humanity's never-ending quest for enlightenment.

Again, I congratulate these three distinguished scientists and their families on this remarkable discovery and prestigious award.

#### 200TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF RUSSELLVILLE

Mr. PAUL. Mr. President, today I wish to recognize the members and leadership of First Baptist Church of Russellville in celebration of the 200th anniversary of their first meeting in Logan County, KY. At a time when the United States was comprised of only 20 States, a small group of people, including 10 members and three elders, formed a church which held its first meeting on November 24, 1818.

For 200 years, the church has worked to meet the needs of its community and to reach far beyond the boundaries of Logan County to minister to the needs of others. The dedicated congregation at First Baptist Church of Russellville has planted three other churches and commissioned several members into full-time overseas missions, including Rev. and Mrs. Sheldon Trimble to Nigeria in 1865; Mary Nell Lynne to China in 1918; Robert and Mavis Hardy to Japan in 1958; Cathy Sue Smith to the Philippines in 1982; and Robert and Julie Johnson to Taiwan in 1992.

Furthermore, First Baptist Church of Russellville has given over \$3,000,000 to the Cooperative Program of the Southern Baptist Convention, which supports missionaries and trains pastors worldwide. Today, the men, women, and students of First Baptist Church of Russellville continue to play a vital role in the life of their community.

I congratulate Pastor Joe Ball and all the members of First Baptist on this truly exceptional milestone. I thank them for all they have done and continue to do through their many generations of service.

#### ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

#### 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF BIDDEFORD REGIONAL CENTER OF TECHNOLOGY

• Mr. KING. Mr. President, today I wish to recognize Biddeford Regional Center of Technology, which is celebrating its 50th anniversary. BRCOT offers unique hands-on programs and

follows rigid national standards to help prepare its students for academic success and future careers. BRCOT offers a variety of programs to local high school students and integrates academic study with firsthand career and technical education. Students work closely with instructors who stress "learning by doing."

BRCOT began in 1967 when the Biddeford School Board and the Biddeford City Council voted to build an addition on to the high school specifically dedicated to technical training. This addition opened for the 1968 school year, and though, over the past 50 years focus on career and technical training ebbed and flowed, today there is a resurgence of interest and support for students to develop the skills and practical knowledge gained through career and technical education. BRCOT is one of 27 career and technical schools in Maine and serves students from Biddeford, Dayton, Saco, Old Orchard Beach, and surrounding communities. Students can focus on 16 different career pathways, including auto technology, legal studies, early childhood education, machine tool technology, and welding and metal fabrication.

BRCOT ensures that students are fully prepared to work in their chosen field by collaborating with the local business community to develop updated and current programs based on industry standards. All coursework is approved by the State of Maine and includes a heavy emphasis on safety and "habits of work," with BRCOT providing job shadow and internship opportunities that give students real world experience. BRCOT also boasts an active student leadership council, representing students from each program. The leadership council is involved in community projects, fundraising, advising fellow students on BRCOT policies, and special events, such as the annual awards banquet.

The 2018 school year has a full complement of 345 students in 16 programs. BRCOT boasts a 90 percent graduating rate, with 40 percent of those students earning technical credentials, making them ready to transition to full-time careers. Nearly two-thirds of graduates choose to attend postsecondary schools, including Maine Maritime Academy, Maine College of Art, the University of Maine, as well as choosing to serve in the U.S. Army and the Marine Corps.

I am proud to recognize the work of the Biddeford Regional Center of Technology. For 50 years, they have served thousands of students in the Biddeford area, increasing their skills and preparing them to continue their education or enter the workforce. I want to thank all of those involved in the work of BRCOT, from the students to the teachers and faculty, and I look forward to seeing their continued success for many more years to come.●

#### REMEMBERING WISTER "PUG" EDWIN WILLIAMS

• Mr. SULLIVAN. Mr. President, I would like to honor the memory of Wister "Pug" Edwin Williams—a patriot, an Alaskan pioneer, a loving husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, and a role model to so many. Pug passed away on September 25, 2018, at the age of 92 in Anchorage, AK.

A member of the Greatest Generation, Pug was born on October 28, 1925, in Baltimore, MD, and grew up in Daytona Beach, FL. He enlisted in the Army Air Force when he was 17 years old and served in the World War II Pacific Theatre in New Guinea and the Philippines. He was awarded a Purple Heart.

After recovering from his injuries, in 1946—13 years before Alaska became a State—he headed to Alaska and got to work building a State that he loved. He worked for the Alaska Railroad until he could get on with the Federal Road Commission, building the then non-existent highways Alaskans drive on today.

After the road commission, he field-apprenticed into becoming an engineer with the Corps of Engineers, again instrumental in building Alaska's infrastructure where none had existed. He worked at the Corps of Engineers for 25 years, including during the disaster recovery of the 1964 earthquake. At the time of his retirement, he was chief executive assistant at the Corps of Engineers, the highest civilian position at the Corps.

Pug met his wife Yvonne O'Brien early on in his life in Alaska. They enjoyed 42 years of marriage until her death. Together, they had 8 children, 22 grandchildren, and 13 great-grandchildren. They were the love of each other's lives, and that love is reflected in the values passed on to multiple generations of Alaskans.

Pug was in awe of Alaska and worked all across the State, including in rural Alaska. His door was always open to rural Alaskans who did not have a place to stay when they came to Anchorage.

He loved to hunt and fish, a passion he passed down to his children and grandchildren. Pug also loved listening to the opera, playing piano, and listening to people's stories. He was funny, kind, and generous, particularly to those in need. His faith in God never wavered.

Pug lived a good, long life. He helped build and shape the character of our great State, and he served our country valiantly. For this, we celebrate his life, honor his memory, and will keep his family in our thoughts and prayers.●

#### MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

##### ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

At 3:38 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker pro tempore